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For: INDUCTION HEATING COIL FOR SHAFT MEMBER HAVING MULTIPLE STEPS
AND HEATING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Of these claims, claims 1 and 4 are in independent form with claims 2, 3, and 7 depending from claim 1 and claims 5, 6 and 8 depending from claim 4. The Examiner has indicated that dependent claims 2, 5, 7 and 8 contain allowable subject matter. However, the remaining claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being obvious over Seulln, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,596,037) in view of JP 2002-47515 (JP '515). Applicants traverse this rejection based on the following.